

AN ADVENTURE AT BROWNVILLE

1 There was only one school in Brownville and I was the only teacher. Brownville was a small town and had few young people, but many visitors stayed there in the summer.

5 Brownville has some of the finest views in the state of California. The town lies between hills that are covered in beautiful, colorful trees. In the hills, the air is fresh and clear. Many visitors came to Brownville to improve their 10 health. They walked on the hills and breathed the good, clean air.

2 I saw many of these visitors because I lived in a boarding house. In summer, the house was full of guests and I talked to most of them.

15 I ate breakfast and supper in the boarding house and spent the rest of the day at the school.

3 The school was not far away. It was on the other side of a hill. The distance by road was 20 about one and a half miles, but I knew a shorter way. I could walk over the top of the hill in fifteen minutes. There was a path that ran through the forest on the hill.

4 I came back along this forest path late one evening. It was the last day of term. Tomorrow, 25 the students' vacations would begin. I had stayed late at the school because I had been writing reports about the students.

5 The sun was going down in the sky. Its golden light shone through the trees and made long 30 dark shadows. I was tired. I sat down on an old, fallen tree and looked at the sun setting in the darkening sky. It was calm and peaceful in the forest.

6 Suddenly I heard voices. One was a woman's 35 voice, and she sounded angry. The second voice belonged to a man. It was a deep and musical voice—the voice of a singer. I could not see who was speaking, but I could hear the words clearly.

7 40 "Don't threaten me!" the man said. "You can do nothing. Don't try to change anything, or you'll both suffer".

8 "What do you mean?" said the woman's voice 45 angrily. It was a cultivated voice—she spoke clearly and well. "Do you mean that ..."

1 Read the text again. How does the writer describe the following? Think about the different adjectives he uses.

Brownville

the forest

the man

the woman

2 Work in a small group. Ask and answer the questions. Make notes of your answers.

- 1 Why do you think the couple are arguing?
- 2 What do you think has happened?
- 3 What do you think will happen next?

